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⑤④ **Nucleotide sequence coding for an outer membrane protein from *Neisseria meningitidis* and use of said protein in vaccine preparations.**

⑤⑦ The present invention is concerned with a method for the isolation of a nucleotide sequence which codes for a protein having a molecular weight of about 64 000 daltons, which is located on the outer membrane of *N. meningitidis*, as well as with the recombinant DNA obtained therefrom, which is used for the transformation of a host microorganism. The technical object pursued with the invention is the identification of a nucleotide sequence coding for a highly conserved and common protein for the majority of pathogenic *Neisseria* strains, the production of this protein with a high level of purity and in commercially useful amounts using the recombinant way, so that it can be used in diagnostic methods and vaccine preparations with a broad immunoprotection spectrum.

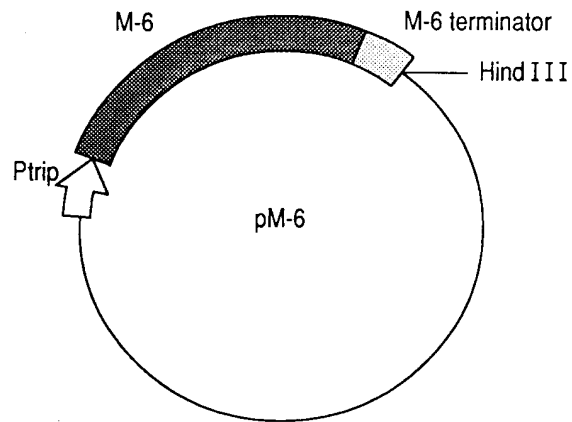


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